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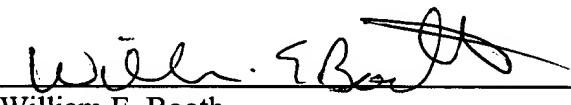
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Applicants' records show that this information disclosure statement complied with 37 CFR 1.97. Thus, we respectfully request that the examiner initial and return this form as soon as possible. Note, applicants must pay the issue fee by March 30, 2004, so the examiner's prompt attention to this matter would be appreciated.

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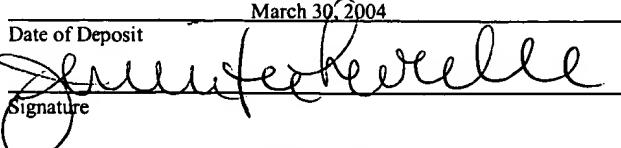

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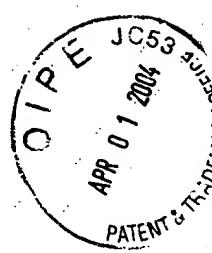
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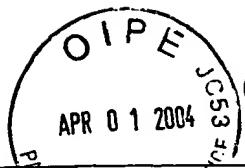
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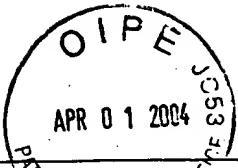




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